

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A multiblade blower, comprising an impeller having a plurality of blades placed circumferentially, and taking in air from a side of an inner diameter end portion of each of the blades and discharging the air from a side of an outer diameter end portion of each of the blades by rotation of the impeller,

wherein two or more of blade groups, in each of which said blades are placed in a ring shape, are placed, such that the blades of an outer blade group are between and extend beyond at least one inner blade group at least in a radial direction, and each blade of the outermost blade group is placed inside air flows passing between blades of the at least one inner blade group;

wherein said at least one inner blade group comprises a plurality of main blades and said outer blade group comprises a plurality of auxiliary blades, and an inner diameter end portion of each of the auxiliary blades is placed between a pressure surface of an outer diameter end portion of one of the adjacent main blades and a suction surface of the other main blade and

wherein a thickness dimension measured substantially perpendicular to the chord of said main blade is larger than a thickness dimension measured substantially perpendicular to the chord of said auxiliary blade.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 1,

wherein a space between the inner diameter end portion of each of the auxiliary blade and the pressure surface of one of the main blades is made smaller than a space between the inner diameter end portion of each of the auxiliary blades and the suction surface of the other main blade.

Claim 4. (Original) The multiblade blower according to claim 3,
wherein said each blade is in a wing shape in a cross-section.

Claim 5. (Original) The multiblade blower according to claim 4,
wherein said impeller is integrally formed of a resin.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 5,
wherein the warpage of said main blade is larger than the warpage of said auxiliary blade.

Claim 7. (Original) The multiblade blower according to claim 6,

wherein a chord length of said main blade is larger than a chord length of said auxiliary blade.

Claim 8. (Canceled).

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A multiblade blower, comprising an impeller having a plurality of blades placed circumferentially, and taking in air from a side of an inner diameter end portion of each of the blades and discharging the air from a side of an outer diameter end portion of each of the blades by rotation of the impeller,

wherein two or more of blade groups, in each of which said blades are placed in a ring shape, are placed, such that the blades of an outer blade group are behind and extend beyond at least one inner blade group at least in a radial direction, and each blade of the outermost blade group is placed inside air flows passing between blades of the at least one inner blade group, and

wherein said at least one inner blade group comprises a plurality of main blades and said outer blade group comprises a plurality of auxiliary blades, and an inner diameter end portion of each of the auxiliary blades is placed behind a pressure surface of an outer diameter end portion of one of the adjacent main blades.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 9,

wherein said inner blade group comprises a plurality of main blades and said outer blade group comprises a plurality of auxiliary blades.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 10,
wherein said each blade is in a wing shape in a cross-section.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 11,
wherein said impeller is integrally formed of a resin.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 12,
wherein the warpage of said main blade is larger than the warpage of said auxiliary blade.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 13,
wherein a chord length of said main blade is larger than a chord length of said auxiliary blade.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The multiblade blower according to claim 14,
wherein a thickness dimension measured substantially perpendicular to the chord of said main blade is larger than a thickness dimension measured substantially perpendicular to the chord of said auxiliary blade.

Request for Reconsideration:

Applicant is amending claim 9 to clarify the description of the claimed invention. As a result of these amendments, claims 1, 3-7, and 9-15 are pending in this application. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. E.g., Appl'n, Paras. [0034]-[0036].¹ No fees are due as result of these amendments. However, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter these amendments and reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

¹ Applicant is citing to the specification of the above-captioned patent application by using the paragraph numbers assigned by the PTO in Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0105757 A1.